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Montana: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for the Primaries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 216 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1260 state legislators.

In Montana, these people have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Montana and signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION AND NEW CANDIDATES (Bold font denotes incumbency)

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| 1. Jerry O’Neil (S-3) | 5. Edward Butcher (H-29) | 9. John Sinrud (H-67) |
| 2. Earl Ted Washburn (S-33) | 6. Dave Kasten (H-30) | 10. Scott Sales (H-68) |
| 3. Rick Maedje (H-2) | 7. Don Roberts (H-56) | 11. Bob Lake (H-88) |
| 4. Verdell Jackson (H-6) | 8. Penny Morgan (H-57) | |

The following incumbents who are not running again have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Mike Sprague (S-6) | 4. Aubyn Curtiss (S-41) | 7. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (H-71) |
| 2. Rick Laible (S-30) | 5. Daniel Fuchs (H-15) | 8. Stanley Fisher (H-75) |
| 3. Bob Keenan (S-38) | 6. Dave Lewis (H-55) | |

These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, but have not yet signed for their Senate candidacy:

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| 1. Joe Balyeat (S-34) | 2. Jim Shockley (S-45) |
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Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.